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SUBJ: ALL SIDES ON ALERT

REF: SANTIAGO 3690

1. SUMMARY. RUMORS STILL FLYING AS AFTERNOON DRAWS TO A CLOSE. UP RADIO SAYS RUIZ WILL HAND OVER CINC JOB TO LEIGH EARLY THIS EVENING. MERCHANTS EXPECTED TO DECLARE NATIONAL SHUTDOWN. OPPOSITION CUT REAFFIRMS PLANS FOR ITS TUESDAY STRIKE. GEN BRADY HAS MET WITH STRIKE LEADERS BUT AS YET NO ACCORDS REACHED. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTERNOON LA SEGUNDA AND OPPOSITION RADIO STATIONS CONTINUE TO REPEAT THAT BOTH AIR FORCE AND NAVY ARE CONFINED TO BARRACKS AND THAT PRATS AND MONTERO BEING PRESSURED TO RESIGN FROM CABINET IN SUPPORT OF GEN. RUIZ.

3. BOTH RUIZ AND LEIGH REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT LOS CERRILLOS AIR-BASE AND TO HAVE GONE ACROSS SANTIAGO TO FACH'S EL BOSQUE BASE. UP RADIO CORPORACION SAYS THAT CEREMONY IN WHICH GEN RUIZ WILL HAND OVER CINC POSITION TO LEIGH WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY THIS EVENING.

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4. GOVT ATTEMPTING TO DOWNPLAY SITUATION. PRES CARRIED THROUGH ON SCHEDULED TRIP THIS A.M. TO CHILLAN WHERE HE DELIVERED ADDRESS COMMEMORATING 150 ANNIVERSARY OF O'HIGGINS BIRTH. SPEECH MADE NO REFERENCE TO TODAY'S EVENTS. NO OTHER GOVT STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED SINCE EARLIER DECLARATION DENYING VERACITY OF FACH PR SUBDIRECTOR'S COMMUNIQUE (SANTIAGO 3678). APPARENTLY TRYING TO SHOW "NOTHING HAPPENING," MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WINTER SCHOOL VACATION WILL END ON WEDNESDAY.

5. STRIKING TRANSPORT LEADERS MET WITH GEN BRADY THIS AFTER-NOON BUT BOTH SIDES HAVE TOLD MEDIA THAT NO ACCORDS HAVE BEEN REACHED. OPPOSITION RADIOS STATE THAT RAFAEL CUMSILLE WILL SOON ANNOUNCE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL SHUTDOWN TO BEGIN TOMORROW A.M. CUPROCH (PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION) HAS CALLED FOR STRIKE. OPPOSITION CUT STILL PLANNING TO CARRY OUT ITS NATIONAL STRIKE ON TUESDAY.

6. AFTERNOON LA SEGUNDA REPORTS THAT SOME SUSPECTS IN NAVY SUBVERSION PLOT HAVE IDENTIFIED MIR LEADER MIGUEL ENRIQUEZ, MAPU DEPUTY GARRETON AND PS SEN. ALTAMIRANO AS PLOT'S "INTELLECTUAL AUTHORS." SEGUNDA STATES NAVY WILL TRY TO ARREST ENRIQUEZ WHO REPORTEDLY NOW OUT OF COUNTRY AND WILL ASK CONGRESS TO ALLOW OTHER TWO TO BE PROSECUTED.

7. AFTERNOON ULTIMA HORA STATES THAT MARXIST-CONTROLLED CUT HAS PUT ALL ITS SUPPORTERS ON STATE OF ALERT BECAUSE OF TRUCK STRIKE. NEITHER ULTIMA HORA NOR MARXIST-CUT MENTIONS POSSIBLE GOVT PROBLEMS WITH MILITARY.

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